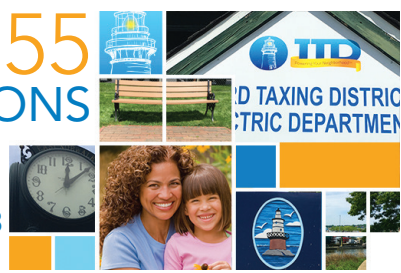




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Emergency Rental Assistance for Connecticut Economy

Have you been financially impacted by COVID-19?

Are you struggling to pay your rent and utilities?

Apply for UniteCT, a rental assistance program supporting CT residents who earn up to 80% of the HUD area median income and their landlords.

You may qualify for the opportunity to receive...

- Missed electric outstanding payments
- Missed rent or future rent payments

To learn more and see if you qualify, visit: www.bit.ly/UniteCT



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Spring & Summer Energy Saving Tips



Use Your Windows to Keep Out Heat

Install window coverings to prevent heat gain through your windows during the day.

Operate Your Thermostat Efficiently

Set your thermostat at a temperature you find comfortable and that provides humidity control, if needed. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.

Keep your house warmer than normal when you are away, and lower the thermostat setting when you return home and need cooling. A programmable thermostat allows you to do this automatically and without sacrificing comfort.

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TTD's FEATURED BUSINESS PICK



HOW SWEET IT IS!

Stephen Tyminski, founder of Sweet Ashley's Ice Cream, on the corner of East Ave. and Van Zant St., named the place after his first daughter when she was just one. That was over 30 years ago, and he's been making ice cream here ever since.

Even before that, Steve owned two ice cream stores for years – in Stratford and New Canaan.

In East Norwalk, "we started off slow, then it was 'yo.'" says Steve. "Everybody thinks I'm the smartest guy in the world. No. It's the kids here. If the customers like the help, the rest will take care of itself. And social media – that's how people look at everything. So we've been doing this for 30 years, making the flavors that people want, trying to keep them happy. We have the most fun with our customers because they know eventually they're going to get their flavor."

"Our most popular flavor – besides vanilla – is Cookie Monster. Little kids come in and say 'I want the blue ice cream'. We're also making a Salty Sailor – vanilla, Oreos and caramel swirl. We also make a Walk In The Rain – coconut ice cream with pineapple. We didn't make up these names – our customers did. Kids think of it. They come up with unique combinations of things. We just write it down. The newest one we have is Fruity Pebbles. Come by and try it! ●



Visit Sweet Ashley's Ice Cream Shoppe!
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Spring & Summer Energy Saving Tips

Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you first turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.

Use Fans and Ventilation Strategies to Cool Your Home

Turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room. Remember that fans cool people, not rooms, by creating a wind chill effect.

When you shower or take a bath, use the bathroom fan to remove heat and humidity from your home. Your laundry room might also benefit from spot ventilation. Make sure bathroom and kitchen fans are vented to the outside (not just to the attic).

Keep Your Cooling System Running Efficiently

For maximum energy affordability, schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment.

Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

Vacuum your air intake vents regularly to remove any dust buildup. Ensure that furniture and other objects are not blocking the airflow through your registers.

Consider a Range of Appliances and Lighting Options

Consider lighting options that operate at cooler temperatures.

If convenient, take advantage of daylight instead of artificial lighting, but avoid direct sunlight.

Wash full loads of dishes and clothes for better efficiency.

Keep Hot Air from Leaking Into Your Home

Seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home. Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows.

Lower Your Water Heating Costs

Water heating accounts for about 18% of the energy consumed in your home.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends setting your water heater at no more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit to prevent scalding. The lower setting will also conserve energy and save money. ●

IMPORTANT DATES



COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 24, 2021
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM



MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 31, 2021
OFFICE CLOSED



COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 28, 2021
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM



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ELECTRIC ANIMALS

Kevin Kilowatt here, presenting some enlightening facts about animals who can generate and detect electricity!



Bees

Yes, bees! It's not just the smell and colorful petals of flowers that attract bees... a bee can often tell if one's been already visited by a bee due to a change in the flower's electric charge.



Stargazers

Have you ever heard of this spiny fish? The Stargazer has special muscles in its eyes that can emit an electric current to shock its prey... or scare off predators.



Spiders

Spiders webs are sticky. They are attracted to charged particles... insects. An insect flies by and the web practically grabs them.



Guiana Dolphins

Guiana dolphins are born with whiskers, but they all fall out. When they do, the holes that once held their whiskers act as sensors to detect electric fields given off by prey.



Electric Eels

This may shock you: electric eels are not eels. They're more like a catfish, but don't let that fool you. Electric eels possess electrogenic cells that can stun prey and predators alike – even communicate with other electric eels. Avoid this living lightning bolt at all costs!

There are more electric animals, so stay tuned in future issues... and visit TTD.GOV/TTDKIDS!

Annual Ratepayer Meeting

The Third Taxing District Annual Ratepayer Meeting has been scheduled! Please take note of the DATE and the NEW LOCATION:

WEDNESDAY
MAY 19TH — 7PM
NORWALK INN
& CONFERENCE CENTER
99 EAST AVE., NORWALK, CT



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